

Lacrosse Faces Tough Conference Stretch to End Season

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The Tigers started off the end of Greek Week in winning fashion. On Saturday April 11th, the Hampden-Sydney Lacrosse team defeated Randolph-Macon, pushing H-SC's winning streak to five games. However, on April 18th, the Tigers saw their impressive streak snapped as they were unable to conquer the Hornets of Lynchburg College. The Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets left Lewis C. Everett Stadium with a loss two Saturdays ago. The Tigers' defensive intensity was high from the initial faceoff, as it took Macon 25 minutes and 12 seconds to find the net. At the half, Hampden-Sydney led by a score of 5-1. The third quarter saw Macon pick things up a bit, as they scored three times coming out of halftime. However, the H-SC squad did not back down and responded with four goals in the third. James Hughes and Mike Funk were the only two

to score for the Tigers in the fourth, which sealed the 11-5 victory. Senior goalie David Noftsinger made nine saves on the day. Funk led the way with four points on one goal and three assists. Hughes and Jake Koferl were able to scorch the nets twice. 2014 First Team All-ODAC selection Thomas Armstrong pulled off a hat trick in the win. Dontae Buck also had a good outing. Though he was facing Macon's Nick Benhoff, who wins 56% of his face-offs, Buck went 13-17 on face-offs. The following week, the Hampden-Sydney Lacrosse team hosted Lynchburg College, the #1 team in the conference and the now #4 team in the nation. Lynchburg wasted no time, forcing the ball into the net seven times in the first quarter alone. Five of Lynchburg's first quarter goals came within the first six minutes of the game. The Tigers scored three goals in the first period, but that was the most they would score in any quarter. H-SC slipped the ball past LC's goalie once in the second and third quarters and twice in the fourth. Jake Koferl was able to find the net twice.



Senior Corey Mavrotis played well against Lynchburg. Photo Credit: hscathletics.com

Corey Mavromatis scored twice and Thomas Armstrong tacked on a goal and two assists. Connor Hinson made six saves during his stint as relief. Hampden-Sydney got outshot 52-20 and ended up falling to LC by a score of 17-7. On Wednesday, April 22nd, the Tigers dropped their second game in a row to conference foe Virginia

Wesleyan. A goal from both Mike Funk and Thomas Armstrong in the final quarter brought HSC within one point but that would be the last time the Hampden-Sydney lacrosse team scored. Wesleyan would find the net one more time before time ran out, winning 12-10. Senior Dontae Buck grabbed 10 ground balls and won 20 of his 25 face-

offs. Koferl, Jernigan, Funk, Armstrong, Hughes, Morris, and Rapoport all scored goals for the Tigers. Hampden-Sydney currently sits with a record of 8-5, with a 5-2 conference record. The Tigers will wrap up the regular season at home against Bridgewater this Saturday, April 25th. The opening face-off is set for 1 PM.

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North Carolina Folk Band to Visit Campus on Last Day of Classes

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Everyone needs to take a breather before exams begin, and there is no better opportunity for this than a night of music with the traditional southern folk band, Mipso. The band is performing as a part of Hampden-Sydney's American Acoustical Music Series. The Series, which was revived last year, hosts traditional southern bands for Hampden-Sydney College. Dr. David Salvage, the Assistant Professor of Fine Arts, and the man who is responsible for bringing the

Series back to the college, told me that "The bands have been excellent so far, and we've always gotten a good crowd, especially from people in town coming out." Dr. Salvage recommends the event to all students, as there will be food, fun, and, of course, the music.

The band, Mipso, follows the short tradition of being an American Folk band for the American Acoustical Music Series. Mipso is a relatively new band, having only released one album, Dark Holler Pop, which came out in October 2013. The band is originally from North Carolina, having been founded on the campus of UNC Chapel Hill.

It was recommended by one of Hampden-Sydney's very own Assistant Deans of Admissions, Watson Mulkey. Mipso is self-described as trying to "Do their part to take three-part harmony and Appalachian influences into new territory." The band will hope to be successful with their southern string sounds on Hampden-Sydney's territory when they perform on Tuesday night, the last day of classes.

Mipso is scheduled to begin playing around 7pm on Tuesday, April 28, in the Tiger Inn. Feel free to stop by for to hear great music, see good people, and warm Dr. Salvage's heart.



Mipso will visit campus April 28th as part of the American Acoustical Music Series. Photo Credit: thebluegrasssituation.com

Three Professors to Step down, Pursue Retirement

*Traylor Nichols '17
Associate Editor*

After this semester, three of Hampden-Sydney's finest professors will be retiring. Both Professor Susan Smith and Professor Bill Shear will sever themselves entirely from the college, while Professor David Marion will be stepping down to a part-time position. More professors will also be joining them temporarily in sabbatical, although those names are unknown at this point.

Retiring after 17 years of service, Professor Smith says that "when I go I will miss my colleagues but most of all I will miss being in the classroom with students." However, she will also be looking forward to her retirement. She informs me that she plans to finish up writing her book, which is about a playwriting nun from a convent in Madrid. She says that she is also waiting on the release of her most recent book, which should come out from the press in a month or two. Besides this, she plans to enjoy her time by doing a lot of traveling.

Professor Marion wants everybody to know that he is not leaving Hampden-Sydney, but is merely downsizing his workload. He is stepping down from a full tenure to a part time "Wilson Center fellow" position. As the creator of the pre law society, and having helped create the pre law fraternity, the James Madison Public Service Public Certificate Program, the Wilson Cen-

ter for Leadership in the Public Interest, the chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, and being a senior member of Government department, he says, "I have my fingerprints on a lot of things here," stating that he wants to help get a few programs rooted before he leaves. In his spare time during retirement, Marion will spend time helping one of the many boards and organizations that he belongs to, ranging from being a merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts of America, to being involved with the Knights of Columbus, to working with the Constitution Center in Montpelier. He also says that he wants to spend more time with his sons that are spread across the country, from Washington D.C. to Los Angeles.

Professor Shear, who has 50 years of teaching under his belt, jokes that "I have a very comfortable chair at home and I plan to sit and stare out the window at the bird feeder" but tells me, on a more serious note, that he plans to continue his research even during his retirement. He has a grant from the National Science Foundation that will continue for the next year. During this time, he will be looking at the phylogenetics of millipedes and both trying to figure out how they're related to each other and how they evolve over time. After the grant expires, he says that he will still continue his research, but at a more leisurely pace.

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Tiger Challenge: Can You Beat the Basketball Team?

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Staff Writer*

This Tuesday, April 28, H-SC students will get the rare opportunity to play the Tiger basketball team, 5-on-5, in the first annual Tiger Challenge.

Starting at 5pm on the outdoor courts, students can enjoy the final day of classes with an afternoon full of music, contests, and good

old fashioned competition. The entire team will be in attendance and ready to take on all challengers.

All you need is yourself and four others, and then you've got a date with five tall individuals – oh, and a free t-shirt.

Just think of all the great upsets in basketball history: VCU beating Duke, George Mason beating UConn, Aaron Carter beating Shaq. Now is your chance to join this elite list of underdogs.

Not into cardio? No problem. Games of knockout and other contests containing minimal running will also be going on. Can't shoot a basketball? This is also not a problem. All are welcome to come down, hang out, and watch some hoops.

Signups are still going on, and they will be up to the event. If you have any questions, you can contact Matt Goodrich (GoodrichM16@hsc.edu) or Mike Murray (MurrayM16@hsc.edu).



Goodrich, Student Body President. Photo Credit: Chris Williams-Morales

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Editorials



What We Should Have Done: Mason Defends the *Tiger's* Credibility

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In the most recent issue of the *Tiger*, the article "Racism, Bigotry, Intolerance Still Prevalent on Campus" evoked an onslaught of criticisms that were directed towards our journalistic integrity, the author's abilities as a writer, and the state of racism on our campus. While many of the criticisms are founded by rational means, an undeniable majority are cruel, ignorant, or simply rumor-filled assumptions pulled out of thin air. The author, Traylor Nichols '17, has been disrespected beyond a tolerable level for his writing, with remarks going as far as to insult his girlfriend – unac-

ceptable behavior for any institution, let alone one that prides itself on cultivating a sense of brotherhood and behaving as gentlemen.

The current piece will attempt to systematically address some of the legitimate concerns, while subsequently addressing the response given by members of the Student Government.

-What we should have done is not use the word "prevalent" in the title-

Prevalence is not provable without statistical data on every racist incident occurring on campus, so perhaps "Occurring" or "Happening" would have been more appropriate.

Despite this, "Prevalent" is com-

pletely justifiable in the title. The Oxford English Dictionary states that "Prevalent" can be defined as meaning effective, powerful, influential, or prevailing against a person. Events of racism occurring on campus that are harmfully affecting students are, at the least, effective, powerful, or influential to these individuals. Despite their outcries, the events affect them – they prevail against the person.

-What we should have done is clarify that we are not drawing conclusions about populations-

In the opening paragraph, the author lists several historical facts about the college, going on to state that "in some cases, that [Old

South] attitude attracts people who have intolerance for people unlike themselves." He was not stating conservatives or whites attract intolerance. He was not stating every individual who holds an "Old South" attitude is intolerant. To say the author was making one of these statements is to literally ignore words in the article.

-What we should have done is clarify that the only way a publication can cite Yik Yak as a problem is if they cite Yik Yak-

If that sounded circular, it's because it is. Comments we received stated that Yik Yak is not a credible source, so a respectful me-

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TIGER SPORTS

Baseball Concludes Disappointing Season, Misses Playoffs, Looks to Rebound next Year

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Sports Writer

The final weeks of the 2015 collegiate baseball season have come to a close, and the Hampden-Sydney Tigers have mostly stumbled on the diamond this spring. Unfortunately, H-SC missed the conference tournament due to a string of inconsistent games at the end of the season. The final games may not have ended up in victories for the Tigers, but they do have some highlights to take away from the season, especially senior Jeff Gray.

On Saturday April 11th, the team traveled to Bridgewater for a doubleheader against the Eagles. The first game was a tight affair that saw the Tigers come up short 9-8. Catcher Jack Elliot hit a 3-run homer in the 5th inning, while outfielder Reggie Johnson picked up 2 RBI, and infielder Lee Carneal tallied an RBI for the team. Right-fielder Spencer Wiles and second baseman John Lloyd each went 2-5 at the plate. The second game against Bridgewater did not go well, either as Bridgewater won 13-1. Lee Carneal tallied the only H-SC run with an RBI single in the 8th inning.

The second leg of the final road trip was in Lynchburg as the Tigers prepared for their final game against the Lynchburg College Hornets. It was another close game, but H-SC fell short 3-2. Designated hitter Jackson Rogers had an RBI along with outfielder Garrett Birnbaum. Lee Carneal also went 2-4 at the plate. The playoff chances for the Tigers were very low as they headed into the final doubleheader of the season against Washington & Lee University.

Closing day was Saturday, April 18th, and H-SC traveled to Lexington, Virginia to take on the Washington & Lee University Generals. The first game belonged to the Tigers as they took home a 5-0 victory. Christian Hamlett went 2-5, tallied an RBI, and picked up a double in the game. Lee Carneal picked up an RBI along with 2 walks. Senior Jeff Gray went 2-5 with an RBI—his 102nd career RBI, making him the all-time RBI leader for the Tigers. Designated hitter Chris Hall went 2-4 and he had an RBI, too. The pitching staff stood tall against the Generals, with Zach Whitaker improving to 2-2 with the winning effort over 6 innings. Teddy West picked up his second save over the final three in-



Senior Jeff Gray had a record-breaking season for the underwhelming Tigers. Photo Credit: hscathletics.com

nings. Both pitchers combined for 7 strikeouts and 9 hits over the course of the shutout. The final game against W&L did not favor the Tigers as they lost 3-0. The managed to tally 4 hits, but the lack of offense was representative of their season.

The Tigers finished the season with an 11-21-1 record, with an 8-12 record in the ODAC. It was a

season that was filled with numerous weather obstacles, and even a few cancellations. However, there are a few highlights to take away from the season, including a unique trip to Florida during spring break. Additionally, senior Jeff Gray not only became the all-time hits leader, but he became the all-time RBI leader for the school. Records aside, this

season was not the best for the Tigers compared to last season when they finished above .500. This past season will more than likely motivate the team to improve over the offseason, and attain another winning season, though Gray's production will be irreplaceable. We'll see how the team shapes up in the autumn in preparation for next spring.

Tennis and Golf Wrap up Seasons, Hope to Improve in 2016

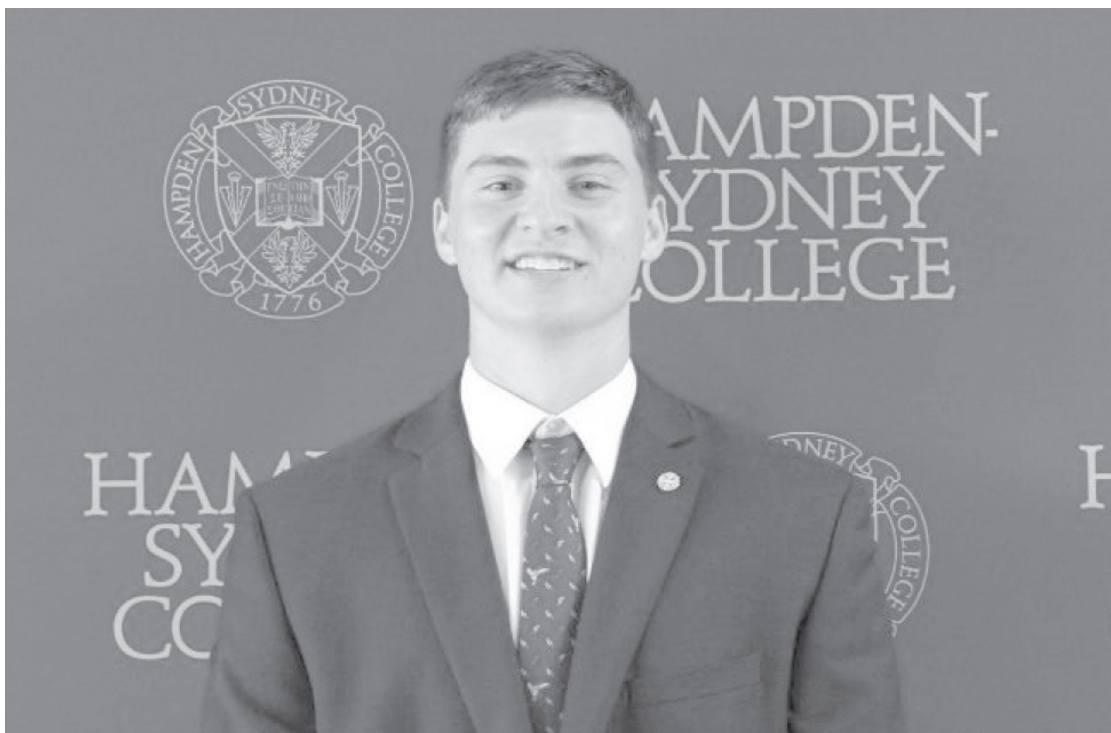
Ellis Hopson '16
Sports Editor

With the spring semester rapidly coming to a close, so too are the seasons of our sports teams here at Hampden-Sydney. Two of the first to wrap up the spring were the tennis and golf teams. The tennis team ended the year on a disappointing, three-game losing streak, but the losses featured some strong performances that will give the team hope for the future. Meanwhile, golf finished in 9th place at the ODAC Championship. However, the effort featured a strong performance from an outgoing stalwart and a few performances that will make the team optimistic going into next year.

H-SC Tennis traveled to Randolph-Macon on Saturday, April 11th, to face the rival Yellow Jackets. It was a disappointing trip for the Tigers, as they suffered a 9-0 loss. The team put up a better fight at home against Averett on Wednes-

day, April 15th, despite a 6-3 defeat. Freshman Nathan Horvit was impressive on the day, winning his singles match 6-4, 6-1. He teamed up with fellow freshman Jed Dittmar to win their doubles match as well. Both will be key pieces for the team in the future. The season concluded with an 8-1 loss at Virginia Wesleyan on Sunday, April 19th.

H-SC Golf traveled to Conover, North Carolina to compete in the ODAC Championship from Sunday, April 19th, to Tuesday, April 21st. It was a disappointing team finish for the Tigers, as they placed 9th out of the ten teams. The H-SC contingent was led by freshman Austin Fockler, who finished in a tie for 15th place with a score of nine over par. One shot behind Fockler was senior Brian Burt, who tied for 18th place in his final competition as a Tiger. The Tigers will hope to be more consistent next year behind sophomore Alex Simmons, as well the freshman trio of Fockler, Aaron Persily, and Parker Smith.



Freshman tennis player Nathan Horvit impressed against Averett last Wednesday. Photo Credit: hscathletics.com

Tiger Reviews

The Evil Within DLC:
The Consequence
Tango Gameworks

★★★★☆

After finishing part 1 of the DLC for *The Evil Within*, I was eager to play the second and final installment. After completing it, I was left feeling very satisfied. From the moment it begins, *The Consequence* is a wild and terrifying ride. Continuing where *The Assignment* left off, the story follows Juli Kidman as she navigates through

a nightmarish world trying to find answers for why she’s here, all the while trying to stay alive. In the previous installment, I was disappointed because you didn’t get to use any weapons throughout the game; however, this changes in part two. Juli Kidman is now equipped with a 9mm pistol and a sawed-off shotgun, and she’s not running away this time. It felt good to finally be able to fight back for a change. This DLC is a lot like its predecessor in that it focuses more on stealth than combat. Nevertheless, the game designers were sure to give the players plenty of chances to

kill evil creatures this time around – a huge improvement, if I do say so myself. Just like *The Assignment*, *The Consequence* is extremely challenging. I often found myself dying even in the simplest of parts. It was frustrating, but that’s part of the gaming experience. I also enjoyed how they continued Kidman’s story throughout the DLC. Not only did we learn more about her character, but we also got insight into what is behind this evil world that she and her partner, Sebastian, have become trapped in. The ending of the DLC is what I enjoyed most. I thought it was an epic finale, one that fans of

the game won’t soon forget. With *The Consequence*, players finally have all the answers to the questions they had after completing the main game. Knowing the full story behind what Sebastian and Juli have just experienced is not only satisfying, but interesting as well. In addition, it leaves room for a sequel, should Tango Gameworks decide to make one. Part 2 of *The Evil Within* DLC is definitely worth checking out. It offers new enemies, new gameplay, new challenges, and a new take on what just might be the greatest survival horror game ever made.

–Drew Dickerson ‘17

Sharknado

★★★★★★

By now you have all heard about the hit 2013 documentary, *Sharknado*, featuring Tara Reid, John Heard, and Ian Ziering, but what you haven’t seen is my review of it. This true story, directed by Anthony Ferrante, has been called “gloriously...good” by critics on Rotten Tomatoes, while also garnering wide spread acclaim for its gritty realism.

Set in LA, our hero, Fin — aptly named, if I do say so myself – sets out with his friends, Baz, Nova, and George the Drunkard, in an effort to rescue his ex-wife, April, from the shark filled water spouts ravaging SoCal. Fairly early in the film we encounter these sharks that, despite being “fish out of water,”

manage to devour humans quickly and systematically. The sharks are swept up by tornados and deposited all over the shore, kept alive by the water swirling around them in the vortex. This natural phenomenon is commonly referred to as a “sharknado,” and is the namesake of the film. Eventually, Fin manages to somehow get to his ex, but despite his best efforts, she refuses to budge from her home. This was commentary by the director on the state of his own marriage, as he revealed throughout numerous interviews following the major success of the film. It wasn’t until April’s loser boyfriend gets eaten by a shark in their home that she pays attention to the warnings Fin has been presenting.

Finally, our heroes make it to an old Air Force base and something happens with their truck, a



helicopter, and an IED. After some crazy shark-on-tornado-on-man action, a bomb goes off and [redacted]. I will not spoil the ending, but you’ll wish you saw it sooner.

Sharknado is and will always be the greatest film of this generation. I would go so far as to say that it rivals the likes of *Citizen Kane* and

Pulp Fiction in both prestige and sheer brilliance as a film. This cross between *It’s a Wonderful Life* and *Waterworld* is a can’t-miss film for the whole family to enjoy. I suggest that if you do anything at all during Finals week, you watch *Sharknado*.

–Logan Leathers ‘17

Tracker
–Mark Knopfler

★★★★☆

My favorite European artist, Mark Knopfler, recently put out yet another album, this time consisting of folksy, bluesy, jazzy music. The album is not my favorite by the Dire Straits alum, but it serves as a nice follow-up to 2012’s *Privateering*. The slow ballads are a bit too slow and the rocking comes a bit too late into the album, but the British-born Knopfler puts his heart and soul into his music, as he always does.

The album begins with the slow-developing “Laughs and Jokes and Drinks and Smokes,” then continues with another slow song, “Basil,” before finally beginning to show some teeth in the bitter-hearted “River Towns.” Knopfler sticks to his career work, singing of working-class heroes: boxers, journalists, and broken-hearted wanderers.

The music, as usual, is enough to make a listener wonder whether a teenaged Knopfler came across a sprite who gave him incred-

ible talents. The melodies, from the slow-paced “Lights of Taormina” to the rapid beats of “Broken Bones,” allow the listener to relax and listen to the song, putting thought into the lyrics and placing himself in the shoes of the narrator. This narrator often speaks in a way reminiscent of a local blue-collar worker relating stories to other

customers from his perch atop a barstool in northern England.

This album represents not a departure from his earlier work but instead a progression of Knopfler’s tastes and interests. “Broken Bones” has some funk elements, “Skydiver” represents a nearly *Grateful Dead*-like lyrical and musical structure, and “Long Cool Girl” is a mixture

of soft rock, bluegrass, and old-school country. “Beryl” is probably the closest thing to a hit on the album, and its steady rock beat and riveting story combine to make it one of the most enjoyable tracks.

Knopfler invites Ruth Moody, an Australian-born singer, to sing with him on multiple songs. His old pals Guy Fletcher and Glenn Worf play along, as well, but longtime percussionist Danny Cummings is noticeably absent.

Knopfler’s consistency and longevity is remarkable. While 2009’s *Get Lucky* failed to impress me, I’ve been a fan ever since the first time I heard what I’ve since described as his “airplane music” on *Sailing to Philadelphia*. Knopfler has such a way of relating everyday characters and stories in a way that seizes the attention of those listening. His voice, as ragged as ever, is almost soothing enough to put you to sleep on slow songs but enrapturing enough to ensure that you never lose interest in the song you’re listening to. Not everyone will love this album, but if you like Mark Knopfler, or if you like jazzy ballads, you need to check out *Tracker*.

–Alex Abbott ‘17



Local Eats:
The Best
of the Best

Damien Sharp ‘15
Social Media Editor

With this being my final review as the food critic for the Hampden-Sydney Tiger, I thought it only appropriate to culminate with a review that encompassed some of the best dining scenes this area has to offer.

Nestled directly behind our campus and an expert in true southern comfort food, Granny B’s offers some of the best home cooking and southern charm in Farmville. From the famous succulent fried chicken to the southern home-style sides of collard greens, mashed potatoes and gravy, and biscuits, Granny B’s does not lack in taste or quality. Perhaps the only thing that Granny B’s will leave you longing for after your meal is more chicken and a second helping of cobbler; there isn’t a complaint to be found.

However, if you decide to head out of Farmville, you will find, situated in a stunning valley surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains, one of the best wineries in Virginia wine country: Pippin Hill Farm and Vineyards. Its combination of great tasting farm to table dishes, vast list of delicious pairing wines, exceptional service, and breathtaking setting make for a perfect Sunday afternoon lunch spot. I have never enjoyed such a delicious meal in such a beautiful, natural setting, and I highly suggest that each of you take the time to visit this great asset in the hills of the Blue Ridge.

After you leave Pippin Hill, do yourself a favor and take Interstate 64 East to stop by Comfort, located on West Broad Street in the heart of Richmond. Comfort’s rustic yet artsy décor makes for a warm and inviting atmosphere. There is no doubt why the aptly named restaurant has, in a short time, become known for some of the best comfort food in Richmond. Whether you feast on the mouthwatering fried catfish or the roasted chicken, all accompanied by their fresh sides — fried okra, or their famed macaroni and cheese — dining at Comfort is no less delicious than dining in your grandmother’s kitchen.

And so, with that, I leave you with some of my favorite places this great region in Virginia has to offer. It has been a most pleasurable and delicious experience dining with you all for the past two years. Here’s to good food, good wine, good company, and as always, cheers and happy eating.



OPINION

Why “Jokingly Racist” Is Still Racist

Johnathan Campbell '16
Guest Writer

Everyone has the tendency to hide behind humor. This is not necessarily a bad thing; in fact, many find consolation in being able to shroud their identities through humor, and others find humor to be a valuable tool in expressing who they truly are. However, to deny that humor is a double-edged sword that can harm as easily as it can help, is to deny that bullets save but also kill. At Oklahoma University, a racist chant has torn a community apart, casting national doubt and mistrust on fraternities as a social institution. Despite this, many who would engage in such blatant racism would hide behind humor as a defense.

While humor might not necessarily lead to discriminatory acts against the group that the humor targets, it certainly reinforces and perpetuates racial and derogatory stereotypes, and makes it seem acceptable to have a laugh at another person's expense. Either from personal experience, or from the experiences related to us by close friends or family members, we know that some things that appear funny to the group are not funny to us as individuals. As kids who may have experienced bullying, most of us remember how much a joke truly hurt. Not only

did they hurt in the moment, but jokes repeatedly made at the expense of an individual without a doubt contribute to future problems such as body image issues and low self-esteem. Just as it is not okay to make a joke out of physically harming someone, it is not okay to make someone the target of a racial joke.

An all-too-common defense of racism today is something along the lines of “I was only joking”, or “Can't you take a joke?” Everyone enjoys humor of some kind. However, what is not humorous and instead derogatory and even dangerous is enforcing racial stereotypes, white supremacy, and even violent consequences. Words have consequences, and above this, words have histories. Jokes that recall lynching or the “n-word” invoke the history of a violent and deadly past that claimed the lives of countless African-Americans before and after the Civil War.

There is no clear answer for the problem of racism in this country. However, one of the first steps is to examine the stereotypes that we perpetuate and realize that humor is one of the ways that we often “unconsciously” perpetuate these stereotypes. Racism is not acceptable, and even if it is masked in a joke, jokes based on certain historical events such as lynching not only make a group feel threatened but hurt the education that we are all trying to receive at Hampden-Sydney.

Hampden-Sydney Continues to Churn out Good Men

Bobby George '17
Staff Writer

This past summer at Basic Combat Training, I heard my Drill Sergeants frequently say something along the lines of “You simpletons need to MAN THE HELL UP!” There are many scenarios in which this might seem necessary on the surface, but unfortunately my Drill Sergeants had never used the definition of “man” or any term in the same light appropriately. Never. The idea that the U.S. Army tried to instill was that a man should be tough, strong, and emotionless, and forcing this idea of masculinity on young men is a crime to them, as well as destructive to humanity.

The Army is not alone in their flawed view of masculinity; the ideas of brute strength, hard-hitting, and unemotional humans as the ideal man exist in the thoughts of many as entertainment, advertisements, and worse yet, boyhood portrayals. Yes, physical fitness is beneficial and should be encouraged but muscles alone do not make a man. Not being able to express emotion suppresses young boys and weakens

self-esteem all the way into manhood and beyond. Men are losing. Men are losing and the poor definition of manliness is a factor. Boys go to college at lower rates, drop-out at higher rates, and are at significantly higher rates of learning disabilities than girls across the nation.

As a boy, I was afraid to cry out of fear that my brothers would think I was weak. At wrestling matches I would occasionally lose and want nothing more than to cry because of the hard work lost and the embarrassment gained. I still ran away after every loss to find a private location (usually under the bleachers) to cry. I do not know what is more sadening, the fact that I was afraid of my dad seeing me express emotion or the fact that everywhere I went to cry there would be another boy doing the same thing. Worse than both of those situations is that, as a boy that cried after losing, I would judge other boys that cried and not think my opponents were manly if they did. I was not the minority in learning that boys were to be tough and to show weakness was girly. I was never told that a man should be constructive, help his fellow man, or

than manliness can exist in the arts or academics as well as the athletics.

Luckily, at Hampden-Sydney we are blessed to be able to become men by the truest definition, a Hampden-Sydney Man. The making of a Hampden-Sydney Man should be the definition for manhood as a whole. True men help their community. True men are loyal to themselves and others. True men express emotion. True men are empathic to all. Our Gates state clearly that we come here as boys so we may leave as men. This does not mean we spend our college years learning to self-loath, to fight, or to hide our feelings. We leave The Hill men because we learn to care, to be active members of a community, to be responsible for ourselves and our Brothers. It is Hampden-Sydney that has sought to create “Good Men and Good Citizens” since November 10th 1775, and it is the world that has lost the sense of “good men” and simply creates falsely defined men. As true men, it is our responsibility to prove to the world that Hampden-Sydney men are no different than what all men should be.

ers. It is something to make jokes—as someone who's been the butt of many, I understand it, and often enjoy it—and another thing entirely to bully someone. You are a person, with a context to you. Just as not everyone knows your personal business—those trials and tribulations you deal with—you don't know the personal issues that other individuals are dealing with. This place is not easy, and we're all trying to make it through. Don't make it so tough on one another. Perhaps it's part of growing older and preparing to move on, but I've noticed that Hampden-Sydney Men, all 8,000 living alumni, generally treat one another with respect outside of these gates. It's really hard to do that when you spend so much time personally attacking individual people. This question might be criticized, but don't some of you have better things to do? I'd hope so.

a role of institutional history. Seek these people out, but only so that you're not doomed to repeat failed policies of the past. Other than these folks, many people who create H-SC turn over every year, and no class's memory is exactly the same. What that means for you is the need to provide leadership to younger

classes. Your responsibility will be to teach newcomers to the Hill not just about how Hampden-Sydney used to be, but how it ought to be.

3. “Pay it forward.”

When I was a first semester freshman, I met an alumnus named Tyler in the old Tiger Inn, who bought me fried ravioli. I thanked him profusely, but he told me that he didn't want me to remember his name or anything else except: “do not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do,” and, “pay it forward.” I've spent a lot of time pondering that statement recently, and this is the conclusion that I've come to: part of the mission of this College is to be a good man, and while we talk about that portion often enough, we don't spend enough time on the latter part of that phrase: good citizens. A good citizen, to me, is a pillar in his community. He does the little things like coach little league, and he takes care of his own, but he also cares for others. Those that need an advocate need look no further than him for assistance. To

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Tarun's Five for the Road

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This article marks the final time that I will be able to speak to you, the Student Body, through this venue. Since my first article in late 2012 (a resounding endorsement of Gov. Romney), I have enjoyed espousing my thoughts on C-Day, security cameras on campus, student-led protests, the student center, Medical Amnesty Policy, the future of H-SC, and how much better we are than Randolph-Macon. It is my sincere hope that you enjoyed the writing, but also that my words made you think about something you might not have otherwise considered. There's no formal tradition

of editors leaving a set of warnings for future classes, but in light of this really weird and contentious year, I thought I might offer a few thoughts before I walk across this stage to ensure that Hampden-Sydney will better itself in the coming years.

1. Treat one another with fairness.

I think that it's an understood fact, but one that might not be stated enough: you are incredibly lucky to be here. Not only are you not in Ashland, but, also, you are not destitute in the developing world. We are here to fulfill the mission of the college: “to form good men and good citizens in an atmosphere of sound learning.” Part of that is treating your classmates like broth-

2. The College has a four year memory.

There are people, in the form of long-tenured staff and faculty members, which serve this community in



Sharma (left) and Damien Sharp.
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Student Senate, Court, CAC Elections Held; New Faces & Old Hands in Office

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On Tuesday, April 21st, Hampden-Sydney students voted for their classes' Student Court, Senate, and CAC representatives. The highlights of the election are discussed, and one incumbent and two newly elected student body leaders talk about the road ahead for the College.

According to Will Brantley '16, the Interim Election Chairman:

1. Turnout for the election was about 30%.
 2. Two of the junior Senate members are incumbents; Graves Anthony '16 is the new addition to the Senate. All of the junior Court members are new.
 3. All members of the sophomore Court are incumbents.
 4. Almost all freshman Senate members are new, and two students are in a runoff for the final seat.
- Samuel Johnson '16 is a current member of the junior class Senate and also served in the Senate

his previous year. He is "extremely excited to work with Ben Bardill '16, our new secretary-treasurer, on revamping the club system and getting the website up to date." In particular, Johnson wants to get "better resources out to the clubs so that they can more efficiently do what they want to do and [to] provide better resources to new clubs to help them get going." Johnson also looks forward to continuing to work with "the school and the food consultant, who has been hired by H-SC, to increase the quality of the dining hall, while also ensuring [that] we are paying fair prices for our meal plans."

Maxwell Maurer '16, member of the junior class Student Court, says it is his first time winning a student body election at Hampden-Sydney. He says that "one of the challenges I plan to face as a member of the student court is telling a fellow Hampden-Sydney brother that he has to leave these gates for a couple semesters or for good."

William Echols '17, member of

the sophomore class Senate, says that this is also his first time holding an elected student body leader position. He notes that he has held leadership positions with various clubs on campus, including Circle K, the Society of Physics Students, and the Student Affairs Committee. He is "most excited about being able to represent the wants and needs of my fellow Hampden-Sydney brothers." For Echols he believes that "transparency is a big aspect of any elected position. I plan on helping students truly know what is going on in the school that we all love."

Maurer asks students to "get involved with Student Government through non-elected positions [such as] advisor, investigator, or as an orientation leader." Johnson also wants to remind the student body that "all of us are very approachable and we are always looking for new ideas and initiatives, so please feel free to bring anything that comes to your mind to my attention, or to any of us, and we will definitely consider it."

Retiring Professors Continued

While the administrative offices have not officially released the list of professors that are going on sabbatical, because they have not finished hiring replacement professors, some current professors have been, quite reasonably, excited about their coming break, and have made their sabbatical known. One of these is Professor Frusetta, who plans on getting back in shape and finishing his book about a Macedonian terrorist group. In his spare time, he says that he will go to Donbass for a mercenary vacation stating that "Ukrainians need volunteers to go help against the approaching spread of Russia and the encroaching ideology of Dr. Simms, so I thought I'd go there and help 'em out."

All three professors that are retiring say that they've enjoyed their time at Hampden-Sydney, and look back on a time when there were fewer students. Professor Marion worries that with a much larger student population than when he came to campus, along with many professors that do not live on campus, Hampden-Sydney does not have the same sense of community that it used to have. He says though, that the larger numbers do result in



Marion. Photo Credit: hsc.edu

programs and opportunities that would not have surfaced otherwise. For parting advice to students, both Smith and Marion had the same message- "be involved," stressing the unique opportunities available to students at Hampden-Sydney.

While we will certainly miss Professor Smith and Professor Shear, and will regret not being able to enjoy Professor Marion's presence as often, we can certainly be happy that they will be able to enjoy retirement. These three individuals have given many years of their lives to educating Hampden-Sydney Men, and have more than earned both our respect and the time away from The Hill.

Election Results:

	Student Court	Senate	CAC
Junior Class '16	Joseph Lantagne	Graves Anthony	Tranum Fitzpatrick
	Max Maurer	Samuel Johnson	Tyler Sullivan
	William Vogan	Brett Shaw	Branch Vincent
Sophomore Class '17	Bobby George	Joshua Chamberlain	Grant Brown
	Stewart Lawrence	William Echols	Carter Mason
	Jimmy Mills	Benjamin Lam	Robert Petrit
Freshman Class '18		Kyle Burns	
		Noah Frasier	
RUNOFF:		Tanner Beck and Fernando Espinoza	
Elections Next Week			Ben Collie
			Tyler Langhorn
			Henry O'Neil
			Hayden Robinson
			Kellen Winningham



Smith, one of three professors to step down. Photo Credit: hsc.edu



Shear working with students. Photo Credit: hsc.edu

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Mason’s Defense Continued

dia outlet should not lower itself to citing it. But therein lies the problem: if people are offended by comments made on the anonymous social media app, then the only way to prove so is to actually cite the social media app. Try portraying how unreliable Wikipedia can be without citing Wikipedia.

There was proof that the statements appeared, as we have screenshots of them – a fact that was not disseminated in the article.

A more legitimate concern over our use of citing the app revolves around a statement the author made: “Students responded on Yik-Yak...”Technically, no one can prove who said what, so claiming that students are involved is an assumption. It could have been B&G, THC employees, Dr. Howard, or even Dr. Robbins. Also, every comment on the app could, theoretically, be made by only a handful of people. We do not have proof that it was more than one person.

We acknowledge the inaccuracy of the statement.

-What we should have done is provide every detail of the reported incidents-

The two highlighted incidents we speak of are the swastika drawn on the Circle K House and the racist responses to speakers at the Good Men Plan.

Despite the near universal understanding of the swastika embodying the Nazi ideals of cultural oppression and intolerance, many critics pointed out that the symbol

was drawn by a minority. This was, perhaps, a detail that deserved to be put in the article, but we felt that the racial status of the perpetrator was irrelevant to the point. Drawing the symbol had an effect on individuals who saw it, as Maurice Foster pointed out in the article – the color of the hand that committed the act does not change this fact.

As for the Good Men Plan incident, critics claimed that the racist comments were evoked by an obscene word that the minority speaker used. While, again, this could have been included in the article, the detail would have detracted from the point. If the use of racism is contingent on the aggressiveness of the speaker, then we have lost our way as good men and good citizens. Racism should never be what a person resorts to, especially if the spark was a single curse word.

If critics of the *Tiger* want to say that leaving out any detail negates the message being conveyed, then, from now on, we will be sure to also include the temperature outside and height of the speakers.

-What we should have done is expand on Dr. Howard’s response-

The author mentioned that Dr. Howard responded to the two incidents – the swastika and Good Men Plan – by reiterating the mission statement of the college. The quotation marks should have continued to the end of the paragraph, but, unfortunately, did not.

Dr. Howard’s comments actually touched on many of the same points this piece intends to do, but they did not get published. He recognized that the swastika was allegedly drawn as vandalism and by an intoxicated student, but echoed that, despite these details, “such an

act and its implied harassment is unacceptable at Hampden-Sydney.” He recognized that the comments made by the Good Men Plan speaker were ill considered, but went on to say that “this controversy should not obscure the important need for open and honest discussion of inclusion at Hampden-Sydney.” Dr. Howard even reiterated comments made by Maurice Foster ’16, saying, “Any act or word or symbol which denigrates another is unworthy of a Hampden-Sydney Man.”

-What we should have done is make it known that the anonymous source was Dean Croom-

Out of all the criticisms, we wholeheartedly admit in hindsight that we should not have made Ha-keem Croom ’10, Assistant Dean of Students, Inclusion and First-year Transition, anonymous. The *Tiger* holds itself to high standards, and that means we have a policy of not publishing anonymity. We do this to ensure that individuals are held accountable for their words, a policy established by Parker Dunaway ’15, Editor-in-Chief for the 2013-14 academic year.

Dean Croom did not ask to be anonymous for his quotes in the article, but through a series of misunderstandings, the editorial staff decided that it was best to leave him as such.

Within his quotes there was also a misinterpretation, as some individuals felt he was generalizing the conservative population. He said, “This institution historically is conservative, people have republican views, and that’s all fine... people are taught [racially-intolerant] views.”The ellipsis actually removed several points Dean Croom made about respecting the

views of others, especially those who hold views different from one’s own. More importantly, it should be clear that in the quotes the author used, Dean Croom never connected conservative views to racially-intolerant views. Dean Croom said the former is “fine,” and that the latter is separate: they are “taught.”

-What we should have done is use a different picture-

Publishing the picture of the KA brothers from 1968 struck a chord with many people, and we understand why. We obviously meant no disrespect to the current brothers of KA or those portrayed. Our reasoning behind the picture was that, in an article about how racism is still occurring on campus, the picture provided a glimpse of life into the 1960’s and the acceptability of particular symbols, a deliberate contrast to how we view today’s society.

When it comes to assuming the battle flag of the Army of Northern Virginia represents racist undertones, we feel the debate offers valid points to both sides. Critics made it clear to us that the brothers could have been using the flag to represent “states’ rights,” and we’d like to believe that was the intention. Nevertheless, the use of a symbol that can represent intolerance can arguably be seen as such by those offended. The swastika was known to Western countries prior to WWII as a symbol of luck. If the “states’ rights” argument is the path critics take, then would they say the same about “luck” for the swastika on the Circle K House? We believe that this situation is a subjective one in which no one person is correct, but this is for our readers to decide.

It has also been suggested that a possible way we could have avoided

the uproar was to remove the letters “K” and “A” from the caption or blur the faces of the three current trustees. Another path we could have taken was publishing the picture of Lambda Chi’s 1981 class, which portrayed a brother in KKK attire. Lambda Chi is currently inactive on campus, so it would have hopefully avoided much of the backlash.

The attacks on our journalistic integrity are largely ill-founded, giving us the impression that many critics did not thoroughly read the article. We made numerous mistakes, but none should detract from the message.

Members of the Student Government sent out a letter to the entire student body on April 17th. In it, they seemed to state that the evidence brought forth in our article was nothing more than “false labels of racism and intolerance.” We were very displeased to see the Student Government place such doubt in our efficacy as facilitators of accurate information, and we hope that in the future they will apply the same degree of investigation and critical thinking into their statements as we have put into ours.

We requested that critics send in their concerns, but we received no letters to the editor. We hope that this piece covers all of the points worthy of debate, and that it does so in a manner that will not evoke unprofessional or unwarranted criticism. The *Tiger* does not choose sides, and is certainly not of any political affiliation; we are merely presenters of evidence.

As always, the *Tiger* would like to reaffirm its commitment to being the proper channel for ensuring an open dialogue, so please contact us if you have any concerns, ideas, or interests at newspaper@hsc.edu.

Tarun’s Tips Continued

pay it forward is to give your best to yourself and those around you and not waste the gift that you’ve been given in the form of this experience and this education. Paying it forward also means giving back to the community in our close vicinity, which is in desperate need of help. We could ensure that the underserved community around us does not become perpetually so.

4. This is not a boarding school.

I never attended a boarding school like some of my classmates, but I did attend high school. High school is a time of personal growth, but it is limited in the sense that

there is a lot of handholding and spoon-feeding. This place is special in that it is not, nor has it been, a place where boys are expected to become men by themselves. It is also not a place where boys are gently led to the completion of their college careers. It is a place where hard work is expected and mistakes have consequences, but the point is to make a boy learn from his mistakes to become a man. We treat our young men as adults from the moment that they sign the Honor Code, but we do not throw them in the deep end without some floaties. After your freshman year, those floaties come off, and you have many people in the deep end with you that know how to swim. These people, your classmates and older brothers, will mess with you but won’t let you drown. Keep this in mind the next time that a policy comes around with the intent to baby you or discount the knowledge and experiences you’ve already accrued.

5. The only limits on your dreams are the ones you place yourself.

There has been a lot of talk of “otherness,” and one anonymous Martin Luther-esque 8 ½ x 11 thesis on the door of Morton Hall stated that “We are all different” – I couldn’t disagree more. If you search for differences between you and your classmates, you might find a few, but to do so is to miss out on that which binds us together—our willingness to come to a great education under the larger umbrella of a student-run justice system. You wouldn’t want to go to a school where everyone is the same, as it would limit your growth outside of your comfort zone. At the same time, however, you wouldn’t want to go to a place where students didn’t adhere to some consistent ethics. This next part might sound like a “humble-brag,” but I assure you it’s not. When I arrived at Hampden-

Sydney, I had just left a high school career during which I lost every single election that I put my name up for. I decided when it was time to run for Senate freshman year that I would give it one more shot at the urging of Fred Antoine and Baker Allen ’14. I knew that I wanted to help people through these positions. I didn’t feel that I was the same as a majority of the students that made up my class, but I made an effort to meet people and engage them about what they thought we could improve. It was from these conversations that we were able to develop the Medical Amnesty Policy, which took three years to pass before finally being implemented this year, and raise approximately \$20,000 for various causes like scholarships, classroom improvements, brain cancer research, and holiday gifts for over 200 families. I say this not to brag because none of these things would have been possible without cooperation from

so many of you that gave towards these important causes. However, if I had seen myself as an outsider, instead of trying to help in any way that I could, none of these things might’ve happened, and those that needed our community’s help might have never benefitted from it.

There were times during my experience here that I didn’t know if I’d be sad about my impending departure from this College. I certainly won’t miss all of the hard work in my classes, though, in thinking about my time here, what I will miss is the community. This place is made up of good, wholesome people that wish to see the boys that arrive in August of their freshman year walk across the stage on Mother’s Day four years later as young men with incredibly bright futures and a set of skills that can be practically applied in the real world. I am incredibly appreciative for all those that helped me as I learned to swim in the deep end. Roll Tigers.